GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:299
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BOGUS EDUCATION BOARDS FAKE DEGREE RACKETS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding bogus education board busted as also busting of fake degree rackets by the Delhi Police appearing in the Hindustan times dated October 12, 2002 and July 25, 2002 respectively;

(b) if so, the facts and the details in this regard;

(c) the number of cases of bogus education centres and fake degree rackets that have come to the notice of Delhi Police during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such activities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PARTS (b) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 299 FOR DECEMBER, 2002

The information contained in the two news items under reference is factually correct. In July, 2002, Delhi Police busted a gang which was engaged in forging educational certificates issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education and different Universities in the country. Later in October, 2002, a fake education board operating in the name and style of `Central Board of Higher Education` was detected and incriminating documents recovered from its premises. Seven persons were arrested in connection with these two cases.

During the last three years (upto 30th November, 2002), Delhi Police registered 15 cases involving issue of forged educational certificates and two cases in which bogus `Boards` had been set up.

The steps taken to prevent such activity include setting up of a `Malpractice Cell` in the Central Board of Secondary Education; publication of the names of fake Boards (which have been identified) in the quarterly magazine of the Central Board of Secondary Education and display of this information on its website; and issue of Press release by the University Grants Commission at the beginning of each academic session in which parents and students are advised not to pursue higher education/courses with such self styled Universities/Institutes.